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York Regional Police stage “Sun Safe—Water Smart” info day

York Regional Police and several agencies who partnered in promoting water safety set up a number of information kiosks at Everglades Marina in Pefferlaw last Saturday to increase awareness on making water fun safer.

This was the 6th Annual “Sun Safe—Water Smart” information day and partners included MADD Canada, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Crime Stoppers, York Region Health Services and EMS Unit, the Canadian Coast Guard—Transport Canada, the Georgina Fire Department—Pefferlaw Station, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre and police boats representing the OPP, South Simcoe Police and York Regional Police.

Centre photo above: Transport Canada personnel set up a “Boating Safety” display featuring a number of flotation devices and boating safety apparatuses.

Bottom photo left: Two-year-old Robbie Alleyway tries out a whistle given out by



officers staffing the York Regional Police display.

Bottom photo right: Officer Steve Barham explains the workings of the new York Regional Police boat called the Waawaatesi to six-year-old Aidan Kramer and three-year-old Jack Kramer from Newmarket.



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Reader says move forward with mosquito control feasibility study

Letter to the Editor:

I am still fuming about the way in which council is handling the Pefferlaw mosquito issue and have created a petition that will be distributed to local businesses for residents to sign. It is unfortunate that most of council live in Keswick and do not seem to recall what life was like without some sort of mosquito control program. Pefferlaw is mostly swamp, rivers and lakeshore with a variety of mosquito breeding grounds. If the mosquito population is not controlled in the Morning Glory Swamp or the Ravenshoe Swamps just for starters, no one will be able to live here. It won't be very long before Keswick realizes that Pefferlaw is the breeding ground for their biting nasties. One season without a viable program should do it.

We are already seeing a difference. The dash from my car to my house is about 20 feet and in that time I inhale or swallow at least a pound of mosquitoes. At the April 4th mosquito meeting, Council agreed to conduct a feasibility study summarizing the issues supporting unacceptable mosquito populations in the Pefferlaw area, providing recommendations on options and suggesting resources and budget requirements for a biological control program. Council then agreed to this study. With this in mind, why is Council proceeding with a Request For Proposals (RFP) for mosquito population species identification and breeding site mapping that has already been conducted by the Ministry?

Garry Cyr

(Editor's Note: I applaud Mr. Cyr's efforts to circulate a petition that will remind council of their commitment to this community regarding a feasibility study. In a previous editorial on this page, I strongly suggested

that council had an obligation to explore alternative mosquito control programs. Any study they undertake must be exhaustive in scope so it can provide the necessary information council will need to make a decision on a program for 2007. This means the study results will need to give them some perspective on costs and I am not so sure the study they have requested proposals for goes that far. If the results of this study fall short of offering budget details, the entire process will have been for naught and our time and money will have been wasted. It is my hope that council is sincere in its search for a solution as I would not like to hear any excuses next spring as to why they cannot make a decision on a mosquito control program for this area.)

**Karen Wolfe,
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Port Bolster Hall Board honors volunteer support for community hall

Renovations to the Port Bolster Hall have been completed and members of the Hall Board hosted an appreciation dinner on June 9 to say "Thank You" to the many members of the community who have helped maintain and support hall functions over the years.

The recent renovations included a new, fully-equipped kitchen com-

plete with a new fridge, stove, microwave, dishwasher, new cupboards and sinks.

According to Hall Board Chair, Barb Scott, the new kitchen means the facility can now ac-

commodate a broader range of functions than in the past. The hall, which was originally built in 1960 and is the result of an old fashioned building bee, ac-



commades between 90 and 95 people and can be rented for \$30 for a half day or \$60 for a full day. For functions requiring a liquor license, the rent for the hall is \$130.

Beatin' the heat...



(Above photo left to right) Two young entrepreneurs, 11 year-old Logan Range and her 13 year-old sister Megan, set up a lemonade stand on the corner of Pinecrest Rd. and Beaverdale Cres. in Woodlands Subdivision last weekend and offered passers-by a cool glass of lemonade for twenty-five cents a glass. As temperatures soared to 32.5 degrees C, the girls made a few bucks and quenched the thirst of friends and neighbours at the same time.

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Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters receive award for Goby program

A national award for the most outstanding conservation achievement in Canada has been awarded to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) for demonstrating leadership in trying to prevent the spread of round goby into Lake Simcoe.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation's Doug Clark Memorial Award was presented to OFAH biologist Francine MacDonald in Prince Edward Island on June 10. The OFAH Invading Species Awareness Program partnered with the Ministry of Natural Resources in the Pefferlaw Brook goby eradication program.

Residents leave mosquito control product showcase with mixed feelings

A mosquito control product device showcase held at the Lions Community Centre in Pefferlaw on Tuesday, June 13 was given mixed reviews by citizens who attended. Many were hoping the evening would give them enough information to make an informed purchasing decision on a mosquito control device so they could qualify for the \$100 rebate program currently offered to residents by the Town of Georgina.

Reinhold and Karen Kulmann were disappointed because they came expecting to hear from a non-biased expert on the effectiveness and efficiency of the products that were being displayed.

"We knew all of these products were available, but we haven't bought one yet because we were not sure if they worked or not," Mr. Kulmann said, adding that the \$100 rebate program was adding pressure to the problem. "To qualify for the \$100 you have to make a decision as soon as possible but we are still pretty undecided because we are still not sure if these products work," he said.

Pefferlaw resident Doug Gibson was only too happy to attend the showcase as he ended up purchasing a "Mosquito Catcher" and qualifying for the \$100 rebate.

"These little things are fabulous," he said. "They attract the mosquitoes to a tiny ultraviolet light and when they get close enough to it, a fan draws them into the base and holds them there until they die. No chemicals to replace and it does not use electricity to kill them," he said.

Other devices exhibited at the event included the Bug Eater, a mechanism that uses black light, a fan and liquid; the Skeetervac, a cordless unit that uses propane and releases octenol to attract mosquitoes to a 180 sq. inch stick-trap; the Mosquito Magnet, a propane driven device that attracts mosquitoes using carbon dioxide and vacuums them into a net where they dehydrate and die.



Karen Kulman (right) and husband Reinhold (left) stop by the Mosquito Magnet booth looking for information that will help them make a decision on which product to purchase, if any.

Mike Baskerville, the Engineering Manager for the Town of Georgina said the \$100 rebate was a Georgina-wide program and could be applied to mechanical mosquito control devices only on a first-come/first-served basis up to a maximum of \$10,000 for the entire program.

"However, I can't comment on the efficacy of these products," Mr. Baskerville said.

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Georgina Island hosts Aboriginal Day celebrations for schoolchildren

A two-day celebration was held June 19 and 20 on Georgina Island in recognition of the National Aboriginal Day holiday on June 21, 2006.

Sue Smoke, the Georgina Island School/Community Coordinator invited more than 200 mainland school children to the island to participate in a number of workshops that were designed to help increase awareness of native culture among non-natives and new Canadians. The children were treated to a Big Drum performance during the opening ceremonies that featured the Georgina Island Red Rising Big Drum and Biim Ski Noodin, a Big Drum from Toronto. Four Georgina Island Public School students were given Chief for a Day status and welcomed the young visitors to the island.

Seven different cultural events were scheduled concurrently and the school children moved throughout the island to participate in as many different workshops as possible. Workshops included Cultural Teachings by John Somosi who demonstrated a native breastplate and how hand drums are made; Honouring Our Mother Earth graffiti wall led by Heather Charles

where children were encouraged to draw images depicting how we can honour Mother Earth; Medicine Wheel teachings led by Renee Shilling and Dorothy Cam-

eron; Beading by Lynn Mooney and a Lacrosse workshop led by Rob Porte and Lenny Big Canoe.

(Photo A: Lynn Mooney leads a workshop

gather around the Red Rising Big Drum performance by Georgina Island band members.

Photo C: Several visitors join Renee Shil-



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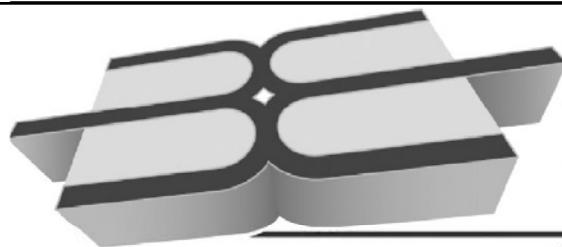
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at Nanabush Trails on beading.

Photo B: School children from Fairwood Public School in Keswick, Sutton Public School and Georgina Island Public School

ling (left) and Dorothy Cameron (right) as they tell the story of the Medicine Wheel.

Photo D: Students get together to learn lacrosse from instructor Rob Porte.



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Tennyson Tidbits

Congratulations to **Patti Burgess and Mark Ferguson** who were married on Saturday, June 17 at Knox United Church in Sutton. Patti and Mark will be visiting Cape Breton on their honeymoon. Best Wishes to both of you!

Congratulations are also extended to **Kevin James and his fiancée Tanya Sarasin** who became engaged this month. The couple is planning the wedding for 07.07.07 — (With that as an anniversary date, Kevin will not have any excuses for forgetting.)

There are a couple of birthdays this issue that we would like to acknowledge. Georgina Fire Chief **Bill O'Neill** turns 54 on June 22 and **Wendy Schell** turns 54 on June 30. **Monroe Wolfe** turns 78 on June 26 and he and his wife **Fran** will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on June 24.

The following is a **Schedule of Events** during the **Wilfrid Village Festival** on Sat. June 24.

Village Wide Yard Sales—Start at 8:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast—8:00—10:30 a.m. \$3.00 includes pancakes, sausage and coffee.

Petting Zoo—8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Free petting zoo at the Community Hall. Pony rides will be available for a nominal fee.

Charity Auction—Start 10:30 a.m. Viewing 9:00 a.m.—At C71 Regional Rd. 12. Proceeds to Wilfrid Church outreach. Auctioneering Services donated by Pol-lards Auctions.

Live Music—1:00—4:00 p.m. Ralph Cashen & Friends will play live music in front of the Interesting Music Shoppe to promote the 6th Annual Country Jubilee at Sentimental Journey in Baldwin August 25-27.

Pie Contest—8:00—10:30 a.m. Prizes for the top three pies. For information call Tracey at 437-2405.

Pot Luck Supper—6:30 p.m. Wilfrid Hall. Live Music-Bonfire-Games. Bring a dish and join the fun.

The **Wilfrid and Udora United Church Minister Kathryn McIntosh** will be participating in a six-week-long exchange program with a minister from the Church of Scotland in a parish just outside Edinburgh. Kathryn will be leaving on the 28th of June to take over parish duties in Culross, Scotland and **Reverend Tom Moffatt and his wife, Christina**, will arrive in Wilfrid on July 7 and stay until August 13. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Reverend Tom Moffatt and his wife to our community.

Don't forget to get your **Holmes Point Park parking pass** this year from the Town offices in Keswick. It used to be that we could drive down to the park and present our driver's licence and gain free admittance but that is no longer the case. Anyone without a parking pass will have to pay \$20/day or \$6/hour if they want to use the beach at Holmes Pt. (Only the best public beach on Lake Simcoe in my opinion.)

If you are following the **Brock garbage dump** debate, I've just heard they now have a website: bagagainstgarbage.com

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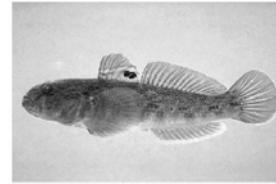
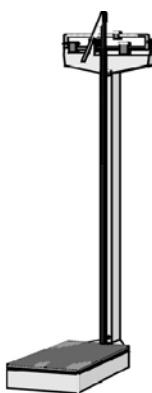
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Lions and Lionesses induct new 2006-2007 executive into office

The Pefferlaw and District Lions and Lioness Clubs welcomed in their new executive officers during their Annual Installation Night on June 20, 2006.

The theme for the incoming executive for both clubs is "Embracing 2006 and 2007".

During the evening and prior to the installation exercises, members heard from guest speaker, Robin Burge, a Morning Glory Public School grade seven student who won first prize at the Intermediate Division Public Speaking Contest.



(L to R) Newly installed President Edna Shepherd, Secretary Lynne Lester, Treasurer Terry Windsor, District A16 President Elaine Umphrey, Bulletin Editor Gail Moore, Lioness Tamer Jean Stephens, Past President Pat Peterson (back), 2nd Vice-President Betty Petten (front), Club Historian Jan Mewha, Lioness Twister Denise St. Peter, 1st Vice President Anne Guy and Director Doris Ellwood.



(L to R) Newly installed Lioness Liason Bill Guy, Lion Tamer Albert Henderson, Director Teresa Millar, President Ron Den Braasem, Director Bill Millar, Membership Chair Al McDermott, Past President Nick Laviolette, Secretary Barry Emmerson, Treasurer David Weir, District Vice President Elect Bruce Colwell. Absent Dave Harding and Wilf Tamblyn.

Robin's speech dealt with the issue of global warming and suggested "we can all help make a difference" by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

Also during the evening, three Lions members were recognized for Lifetime Achievement: Warren Petter, Bill Guy and Barry Emmerson.

Master of Ceremonies, Lioness Lynne Lester, gave special recognition to Lioness Terry Windsor who was named the Lioness of the Year in a competition that included 13 Lioness Clubs in District A16. "Terry's enthusiasm and energy is contagious," Ms. Lester said.

In a speech delivered by Lion Bruce Colwell, a District Vice President Elect who presided over the installation exercises, he said Lions members are recognized for their willingness to work, willingness to devote their time and talents to their communities, their youth and those less fortunate.

"Tonight we will install those members that have come forward and are willing to serve and direct the Pefferlaw Lions Club in the upcoming year," he said.

This is the 51st executive to be sworn in as officers of the Pefferlaw and District Lions Club since the club was established in 1956.



Grade seven student Robin Burge delivers winning speech at Lions/Lioness installation night.



Lioness Lynne Lester (right) congratulates Lioness Terry Windsor (left) on being named Lioness of the Year.

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Coming Events

On Sunday, June 25 the **Wilfrid and Udora Pastoral Charge** will conduct a combined service at Eaglewood at 10:30 a.m. The service recognizes the Annual First Nations Canada Day where invited guest Raven Murphy will lead storytelling and singing activities. All Welcome. Pot Luck Picnic will follow.

The **Ministry of Natural Resources** will be hosting a community meeting on Thursday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre to provide an information update on the Pefferlaw Brook Round Goby Project.

A **Canada Day Flag Raising and Flower Planting Ceremony** will be held at the Port Bolster Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Canada Day, July 1. Bring a flower to plant or an item for the food bank. Free hot dogs, strawberries and ice cream. Everyone welcome.

Canada Day celebrations at the

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Community Living Georgina on Hwy. 48 and Park Rd. is hosting a Multi-Vendor Yard Sale on Saturday, July 15. Proceeds will go to enhance quality of life for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Vendor space is \$20. Contact Patti at (905) 722-8947 ext. 309.

Also on July 15 on the opposite corner of Hwy. 48 and Park Rd. (site of the former Granite Restaurant) will be a **Fundraising Garage Sale for Shoberry's Daycare**. The sale runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will feature clothes, furniture, toys and much more.

The **Annual Community Garage Sale** will be held at the Sunkist Beach Community Hall in Virginia on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Coffee, donuts, pancake breakfast at 10:30, BBQ Lunch, bake sale, raffle and more. All welcome.

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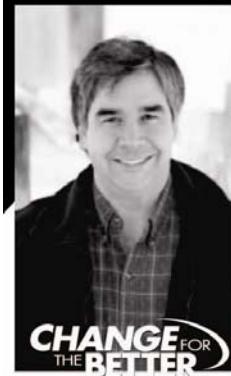
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